

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF ROCKFORD
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
JULY 14, 2014
COUNCIL CONVENED AT 6:28 P.M.

1. The invocation was given by Chaplain Ken Hendley, Free Will Baptist Church and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kellen and Keaton Price, Boy Scout Troop 41, Westminster Presbyterian Church.
2. Roll Call:

Mayor Lawrence Morrissey

Aldermen: Durkee, McNamara, Frost, Hervey, Hill, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo, Newburg, Beach, Beck, McNeely, Chiarelli -12-

Absent: Getchius, Elyea -2-
3. Alderman Hervey moved to accept the Journal of Proceedings of July 7, 2014 seconded by Alderman Beach.

Alderman Chiarelli moved to amend the Journal of Proceedings, Item #19 and Agenda Item I.A.4 to reflect the correction of the name on Canterbury Lane from Hanover Drive to Idelwood Terrace to Natasha Cleary and Family Lane, seconded by Alderman McNeely. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Getchius, Elyea absent).

The Journal of Proceedings as amended was placed up for passage. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Getchius, Elyea absent).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

4. Toby Haldeman spoke about prostitution, burglaries and drug overdoses in his ward and listed slang words for prostitutes.
5. John Brantley recited scripture, mentioned attending an event this past weekend with his youth group at St. Paul Lutheran Neighborhood Fest. He was very thankful to learn all the kids in his youth group can participate in the Labor Day Parade and spoke in support of Chief Epperson.
6. Roland Poska believes the worst of times are yet to come if we do not find the root causes of crime and violence . He also spoke about money, inflation and social security.
7. Jim Buckingham mentioned walking in the 4th of July parade this year with his Vietnam friends, announced he continues his mission to house our warriors, the project is called Buck's Brigade and reported receiving overwhelming support from local politicians for the project.
8. Richard Schlee spoke in support of excluding guard dogs from the proposed ordinance regarding barking dogs.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

9. Alderman Durkee submitted a Memorandum from Patrick Hayes regarding the Termination of Midtown Lofts Development Agreement. Referred to Planning and Development Committee.
10. Alderman Durkee submitted a Memorandum from Jovita Donahue regarding the CDBC Assistance to Shantay Johnson d/b/a Salon Works for the Relocation and Rehab (from 1516 North Main Street) due to the North Main and Auburn Roundabout Project. Referred to Planning and Development Committee.
11. Alderman Durkee submitted a Memorandum from Todd Cagnoni regarding a Development Agreement for West State Street and Central Avenue. Referred to Planning and Development Committee.
12. Alderman Chiarelli submitted a Memorandum from Kelly Nokes, Assistant Operations Manager, regarding upcoming special events:
 1. Tour De North End Bike Festival – August 2, 2014Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
13. Alderman Chiarelli submitted the Rockford Traffic Commission minutes from the meeting held on July 9, 2014. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
14. Alderman Beck submitted a Memorandum from Matt Vitner, City Engineer, regarding a City-State Agreement Amendment: Rockford Riverwalk, Section 06-00543-00-BT, Job No. C-92-019-07. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee.
15. Alderman Beck submitted a Memorandum from Matt Vitner, City Engineer, regarding Letter of Understanding with Rockford Township: City-Township Resurfacing Projects. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee.

PROCLAMATIONS

16. Mayor Morrissey presented a Proclamation proclaiming the month of July, 2014 to be "ROBOTICS EDUCATION MONTH" in Rockford, Illinois and urged all citizens to support increased opportunities for Robotic and STEM education which will lead to a brighter future for our community.
17. Mayor Morrissey presented a Proclamation proclaiming July 14, 2014 to be "SAM OLIVERI DAY" in Rockford, Illinois and urged all citizens to congratulate Sam on his award and applaud his commitment to the Rockford community.
18. Mayor Morrissey presented a Proclamation proclaiming the week of July 14, 2014 to be "ALPINE KIWANIS WEEK" in Rockford, Illinois and encouraged all citizens to support the Alpine Kiwanis by volunteering or attending the Alpine Kiwanis Brat Days.

NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS

19. Alderman Beck read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending that the City Council approve reducing the outstanding code hearing fines and penalties for 1907 15th Avenue, in Rockford, Illinois to \$1,000 upon compliance with the original order to repair by January 1, 2015. Any outstanding water, clean-up and mowing liens must be paid. LAID OVER.
20. Alderman Beck read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending that the City Council approve reducing the outstanding code hearing fines and penalties for 3011 Latham Street, in Rockford, Illinois to \$1,000 upon compliance with the original order to repair by January 1, 2015. Any outstanding water, clean-up and mowing liens must be paid. LAID OVER.
21. Alderman Beck read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending that the City Council approve reducing the outstanding code hearing fines and penalties for 2109 Preston. Street, in Rockford, Illinois to \$1,000 upon compliance with the original order to repair by January 1, 2015. Any outstanding water, clean-up and mowing liens must be paid. LAID OVER.
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23. Alderman Beck read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending that the City Council approve reducing the outstanding code hearing fines and penalties for 1315 Blaisdell Street, in Rockford, Illinois to \$1,000 upon compliance with the original order to repair by January 1, 2015. Any outstanding water, clean-up and mowing liens must be paid. LAID OVER.
24. Alderman Beck read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending that the City Council approve reducing the outstanding code hearing fines and penalties for 326 North Henrietta Avenue in Rockford, Illinois to \$1,000 upon compliance with the original order to repair by January 1, 2015. Any outstanding water, clean-up and mowing liens must be paid. LAID OVER.
25. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the total vouchers for the week of July 14, 2014 in the amount of \$1,709,906.15. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes:	Durkee, McNamara, Frost, Hervey, Hill, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo, Newburg, Beach, Beck, McNeely, Chiarelli -12-
Nays:	-0-
Absent:	Getchius, Elyea -2-

26. Alderman Chiarelli read a Code and Regulation Committee Report to approve granting an electrical utility relocation easement from the City of Rockford to ComEd for 610 South Main Street. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. LAID OVER.

OFFICERS REPORTS

27. Mayor Morrissey submitted an appointment to the Housing Board, Ms. Dyanna Chandler, to fill the position of Citizen at Large. Her term is for two (2) years. LAID OVER.
28. Mayor Morrissey submitted a Memorandum regarding Signature Authorization pursuant to 65 Illinois Compiled Statutes 5/3-11-5, authorizing City Administrator Jim Ryan to sign all ordinances, resolutions, contracts and applications requiring the Mayor's signature during his absence July 26, 2014 through August 4, 2014. Placed on File.
29. Mayor Morrissey called attention to a Memorandum from Glenn Trommels, IT Director, Patrick Hayes, Director Legal Department and Julia Valdez, Assistant City Administrator regarding communications, reporting and public engagement enhancements.
30. Mayor Morrissey reported Rock River Disposal has completed the distribution of recycling containers.
31. Mayor Morrissey wished Alderman Teen Newburg a happy birthday.
32. Mayor Morrissey made extensive comments in support of Chief Epperson. See attached.
33. Alderman McNamara advised he will be hosting a meeting regarding the closing of Walker School on July 16, 2014 at 6:00 pm at Walker School, 1520 Post Avenue. Residents affected by the closing will receive a reverse 9-1-1 call with information about the meeting.
34. Alderman McNamara reported the passing of Jim Barbagallo, a community activist, realtor, artist and friend to many. He offered thoughts and prayers to his family.
35. Mayor Morrissey announced there will be a celebration of Jim Barbagallo's life on July 22nd at Giovanni's Restaurant. He offered condolences to Jim's family.
36. Alderman Hervey reported the 5th ward beautification project in partnership with EDEEN was cancelled last Saturday due to inclement weather has been rescheduled for this Saturday, July 19th at 8:00 am at the corner of Winnebago and Cunningham.
37. Alderman Beach announced this Thursday, July 17th at 11:00 am a bus will be leaving the City Hall parking lot for a trip to Racine, Wisconsin to visit to their police department and observe their call-in program.

Mayor Morrissey advised he will be leaving separately in the afternoon and offered a ride to anyone that needs to leave later than the 11:00 am bus.

38. Alderman Durkee reported the 20/20 plan is under review by City staff and the on-going process will include the established steering committee and community committee meeting to review our 20/20 plan and to develop its further strategy and implementation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2014-169CR

39. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the City Council adopt an Ordinance approving an Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Rockford and Rockford Park District providing for the funding of the renovations to the Ingersoll Sports Complex as set forth in the agreement. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. Alderman Beck made a motion to amend the committee report to reflect the agreement approved previously by the committee has been amended to reflect the demolition of the Administration Building is subject to the final clearance from the State Historic Preservation Officer, seconded by McNeely. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Thompson-Kelly voted no; Ald. Getchius, Elyea absent).

The committee report as amended was placed up for passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes:	Durkee, McNamara, Frost, Hill, Oddo, McNeely, Chiarelli -7-
Nays:	Hervey, Thompson-Kelly, Newburg, Beach -4-
Abstain:	Beck -1-
Absent:	Getchius, Elyea -2-

The amendment was read in in error.

Alderman McNeely made a motion to reconsider Unfinished Business item I.A.1, seconded by Alderman Chiarelli. MOTION PREVAILED.

Alderman Beck made a motion to eliminate the amendment, seconded by Alderman McNeely. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Getchius, Elyea absent).

The committee report was placed up for passage. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Getchius, Elyea absent).

2014-170CR

40. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report for a Proposed Intergovernmental Agreement for Property Acquisition of the Former Administration Building between District 205 and the City of Rockford. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance.

Alderman Beck moved to amend the committee report to reflect the agreement approved previously by the committee has been amended to reflect the demolition of the Administration Building is subject to the final clearance from the State Historic

Preservation Officer, seconded by McNeely. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Getchius, Elyea absent).

The committee report as amended was placed up for passage. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Thompson-Kelly voted no; Ald. Hervey, Beck abstained; Ald. Getchius, Elyea absent).

2014-171CR

41. Alderman Chiarelli moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the permanent easement agreement between the City of Rockford and the Greater Rockford Airport Authority supporting the improvement to Falcon Road. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes:	Durkee, McNamara, Frost, Hervey, Hill, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo, Newburg, Beach, Beck, McNeely, Chiarelli -12-
Nays:	-0-
Absent:	Getchius, Elyea -2-

2014-172CR

42. Alderman Chiarelli moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the groundwater Ordinance to prohibit the use of groundwater as a potable water supply at the site located at 1701 West State Street. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes:	Durkee, McNamara, Frost, Hervey, Hill, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo, Newburg, Beach, Beck, McNeely, Chiarelli -12-
Nays:	-0-
Absent:	Getchius, Elyea -2-

2014-173CR

43. Alderman Chiarelli moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the honorary street name change of the intersection of Hanover and Canterbury to Natasha Curry and Family Lane for three years. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes:	Durkee, Hill, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo, Newburg, Beach, Beck, Chiarelli -8-
Nays:	McNamara, Frost, Hervey, McNeely -4-
Absent:	Getchius, Elyea -2-

44. Alderman Chiarelli moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the attached ordinance for prosecution of general ordinance violations within the code hearing division. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance.

Alderman Beach made a motion to lay over the committee report, seconded by Alderman McNeely. The committee report was LAID OVER.

45. Alderman Chiarelli moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the attached amendment(s) to Section 4-59 (Barking Dogs) of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance.

Alderman Beach made a motion to lay over the committee report, seconded by Alderman McNeely. The committee report was LAID OVER.

46. Alderman Chiarelli moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the attached amendment(s) to Section 17-34 Animal Noise of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance.

Alderman Beach made a motion to lay over the committee report, seconded by Alderman McNeely. The committee report was LAID OVER.

2014-108-O

47. Alderman Chiarelli moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Article 63 and Article 64 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Rockford for (A) Special Use Permit for an automated car wash and (B) Variation to reduce the required twenty (20) feet wide frontage landscaping to fifteen (15) feet wide and (C) Variation to waive the required foundation landscaping in a C-2, Limited Commercial District at 50xx and 5051 East State Street is hereby approved. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meet all Building and Fire Codes.
2. Submittal of Building Permits for Staff's review and approval.
3. Submittal of a dumpster detail and rendering for Staff's review and approval.
4. Must develop site and lighting in accordance with Exhibits G, the photometric plan approved by Staff.
5. Must develop building elevations in accordance with Exhibits I.
6. Must obtain separate permits for signage and sign must be constructed to match building design and in accordance with submitted sign elevations.
7. Must develop site in accordance with civil and landscaping plans in conjunction with and approval by Staff.
8. Must develop building elevations in accordance with Exhibits I and J.
9. The days and hours of operation are limited to Monday through Sunday from 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M.
10. All conditions must be met prior to establishment of use.

Approval is based on the Findings of Facts. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes:	Durkee, McNamara, Frost, Hill, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo, Newburg, Beach, Beck, McNeely, Chiarelli -11-
Nays:	Hervey -1-
Absent:	Getchius, Elyea -2-

2014-109-O

48. Alderman Chiarelli moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Article 63 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Rockford for a Special Use Permit for a drive-through in conjunction with a donut shop (restaurant) in a C-2, Limited Commercial District at 3816 Broadway. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meeting all applicable building and fire codes.
2. Submittal of Building permits for Staff's review and approval.
3. Submittal of a revised civil plan to include the new sidewalk (5) feet in width.
4. Submittal of a revised landscaping plan that includes plant species for Staff's review and approval.
5. Submittal of an explanation of the off-street parking calculations detailing the existing use of each tenant space (unit), the total amount of usable square footage of each tenant space (unit) and the required stalls for each tenant space (unit) pursuant to Article 50-003 for East Gate Shopping Center for Staff's review and approval.
6. Submittal of an executed parking agreement for Staff's review and approval.
7. Submittal of sign elevations and separate permits for signage for Staff's review and approval.
8. Must develop site in accordance with new civil and landscaping plans approved by Staff.
9. Submittal of a dumpster detail and rendering for Staff's review and approval.
10. Submittal of a photometric plan for Staff's review and approval.
11. Must develop building elevations in accordance with Exhibit H
12. All conditions must be met prior to establishment of use.

Approval is based on the Findings of Facts. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes:	Durkee, McNamara, Frost, Hervey, Hill, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo, Newburg, Beach, Beck, McNeely, Chiarelli -12-
Nays:	-0-
Absent:	Getchius, Elyea -2-

2014-110-O

49. Alderman Chiarelli moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 3, Section 3-56, Article III of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford upon all other requirements of the Liquor and Tobacco Ordinance having been met, said amendments shall serve as City Council advise and consent for the Liquor Commissioner to approve the following establishment:

Gene Hayenga d/b/a Gene's Place for modification of an existing liquor license to include the sale of liquor by the drink with an outdoor seating area in conjunction with a bar in a C-3, General Commercial Zoning District at 4412 Manchester Drive. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meeting all applicable building and fire codes.
2. Compliance with all City of Rockford Liquor Codes.

3. The hours are limited to Monday through Saturday 11:00 AM to 2:00 AM. and Sunday 11:00 AM to Midnight.
4. Window display signage shall be limited to 35% of the window surface area.
5. There shall not be a cover charge, dance floor, DJ's and/or live entertainment.
6. The sale of liquor by the drink shall be limited to the outdoor seating area as shown on Exhibit D.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, McNamara, Frost, Hervey, Hill, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo, Newburg, Beck, McNeely, Chiarelli -11-
 Nays: Beach -1-
 Absent: Getchius, Elyea -2-

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

2014-177R

50. Alderman Durkee, on behalf of the Planning and Development Committee moved for the adoption of a Resolution initiating the process of demolishing the next list of properties - Property List #2 in accordance with the 2014 Demolition Ranking Criteria and Selection Process.

After much discussion about the revised property listed #2 that now includes the commercial property at 1417 11th Street, Alderman McNeely made a motion to refer the resolution back to committee, second Alderman Thompson-Kelly.

Alderman Durkee made a friendly amendment to eliminate the commercial property at 1417 11th Street from the list.

Aldermen McNeely and Thompson-Kelly withdrew their motion and second to refer back to committee.

Alderman Durkee made a motion to amend the resolution to eliminate the commercial property at 1417 11th Street from the list, seconded by Alderman Thompson-Kelly.
 MOTION PREVAILED.

The resolution as amended was placed up for passage. MOTION PREVAILED.

51. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement for Sales Tax Review Services with Azavar Audit Solutions, of Chicago, Illinois. Azavar Audit Solutions will receive 30% of the savings or benefit as realized by the City. The term of the contract is for (three) 3 years. LAID OVER.

2014-178R

52. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Resolution of the City of Rockford, that the Central Services Manager is authorized and directed to negotiate and enter into a wholesale electricity supply contract for the City on terms as deemed appropriate and in the best interest of City residents and small businesses. Said Contract shall not exceed three years

in length. Should pricing exceed the current known ComEd supply rate, staff will not execute a contract and will begin the process of communicating to residents their options at the expiration of the municipal electric aggregation program. The Central services Manager will report to the City Council the outcome of the solicitation as soon as reasonably possible. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, McNamara, Frost, Hervey, Hill, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo,
Newburg, Beach, Beck, McNeely, Chiarelli -12-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Getchius, Elyea -2-

2014-179R

53. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Resolution of the City of Rockford, that the Central Services Manager is authorized and directed, with the assistance of Rock River Energy Services, to negotiate and enter into a wholesale natural gas supply contract for the City on terms as deemed appropriate and in the best interest of the City. Said Contract shall not exceed 3 years in length. The Central Services Manager will report to the City Council the terms of the contract and anticipated cost savings once the contract terms are agreed upon. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, McNamara, Frost, Hervey, Hill, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo,
Newburg, Beach, Beck, McNeely, Chiarelli -12-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Getchius, Elyea -2-

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

54. Alderman McNeely submitted a request for no parking on the north side of Preston Street from South Horsman to South Independence. Referred to Traffic Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

55. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of an Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and Legal Director to execute and attest the attached Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Rockford and the Rockford Park District for funding for the Ingersoll Sports Complex.

Alderman Beck moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman McNeely. MOTION FAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, McNamara, Frost, Hill, Oddo, McNeely, Chiarelli -7-
Nays: Hervey, Thompson-Kelly, Newburg, Beach -4-
Abstain: Beck -1-
Absent: Getchius, Elyea -2-

The Ordinance was LAID OVER.

56. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of an Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and Legal Director to execute and attest the attached Intergovernmental Agreement for Property Acquisition of the Former Administration Building between District 205 and the City of Rockford.

Alderman Beck moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman McNeely. MOTION FAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, McNamara, Frost, Hill, Oddo, McNeely, Chiarelli -7-
Nays: Thompson-Kelly, Newburg, Beach -3-
Abstain: Hervey, Beck -2-
Absent: Getchius, Elyea -2-

The Ordinance was LAID OVER.

57. Alderman Chiarelli introduced and read an Ordinance for the permanent easement agreement between the Greater Rockford Airport Authority and the City of Rockford supporting the improvement to Falcon Road. LAID OVER.
58. Alderman Chiarelli introduced and read an Ordinance prohibiting the use of groundwater as a potable water supply within the subject area of the City of Rockford, 1701 West State Street and potentially other surrounding properties. LAID OVER.
59. Alderman Chiarelli introduced and read an Ordinance for the honorary street name change on Canterbury Lane from Idlewood Terrace to Hanover Drive to Natasha Cleary and Family Lane. This designation will be in place for a period of three (3) years. LAID OVER.
60. Alderman Beck moved to go into closed session to discuss potential litigation, litigation matters and labor negotiation matters, seconded by Alderman McNeely. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, McNamara, Frost, Hervey, Hill, Thompson-Kelly,
Newburg, Beach, Beck, McNeely, Chiarelli -11-
Nays: Oddo -1-
Absent: Getchius, Elyea -2-

The meeting went into closed session at 8:07 pm.

The meeting returned into open session at 8:58 pm and found the following aldermen present:

Durkee, McNamara, Frost, Hervey, Hill, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo, Newburg, Beach, Chiarelli -10-

61. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Reed
City Council Clerk

[The meeting was taped in its entirety, and the tape is on file in the Legal Department]

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS
City Council Chambers, 2ND floor City Hall
425 E. State Street, Rockford
July 21, 2014
6:00 P.M.
AGENDA

The following represents, in general, the chronological order of proceedings at the City Council meeting:

- Call to Order by the Mayor
- Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call and determination of quorum
- Acceptance of Journal of Proceedings
- Public Hearing
- Public Participation
- Petitions and Communications
- Proclamations
- Committee Reports
- Officers Reports

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS LAID OVER JULY 14, 2014

1. Beck - Finance and Personnel - Recommending that the City Council approve reducing the outstanding code hearing fines and penalties for 1907 15th Avenue, in Rockford, Illinois to \$1,000 upon compliance with the original order to repair by January 1, 2015. Any outstanding water, clean-up and mowing liens must be paid.
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repair by January 1, 2015. Any outstanding water, clean-up and mowing liens must be paid.

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7. Chiarelli - Code and Regulation - Approve granting an electrical utility relocation easement from the City of Rockford to ComEd for 610 South Main Street. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance.
8. Chiarelli - Code and Regulation – Recommending the approval of the attached ordinance for prosecution of general ordinance violations within the code hearing division. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance.
9. Chiarelli - Code and Regulation - Recommending the approval of the attached amendment(s) to Section 4-59 (Barking Dogs) of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance.
10. Chiarelli - Code and Regulation - Recommending the approval of the attached amendment(s) to Section 17-34 Animal Noise of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance.

II. ORDINANCES LAID OVER JULY 14, 2014

1. Beck - Ordinance - Authorizing the Mayor and Legal Director to execute and attest the attached Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Rockford and the Rockford Park District for funding for the Ingersoll Sports Complex.
2. Beck - Ordinance - Authorizing the Mayor and Legal Director to execute and attest the attached Intergovernmental Agreement for Property Acquisition of the Former Administration Building between District 205 and the City of Rockford.
3. Chiarelli - Ordinance - Permanent easement agreement between the Greater Rockford Airport Authority and the City of Rockford supporting the improvement to Falcon Road.

4. Chiarelli - Ordinance - Prohibiting the use of groundwater as a potable water supply within the subject area of the City of Rockford, 1701 West State Street and potentially other surrounding properties.
5. Chiarelli - Ordinance - Honorary street name change on Canterbury Lane from Idlewood Terrace to Hanover Drive to Natasha Cleary and Family Lane. This designation will be in place for a period of three (3) years.

III. MOTION/RESOLUTIONS

A. TO BE READ IN JULY 21, 2014

1. Chiarelli – Resolution - Tour De North End Bike Festival – August 2, 2014

B. LAID OVER JULY 14, 2014

1. Beck – Resolution - Authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement for Sales Tax Review Services with Azavar Audit Solutions, of Chicago, Illinois. Azavar Audit Solutions will receive 30% of the savings or benefit as realized by the City. The term of the contract is for three (3) years.

IV. APPOINTMENTS

A. LAID OVER JULY 14, 2014

1. Mayor Morrissey - Appointment - Housing Board; Ms. Dyanna Chandler, to fill the position of Citizen at Large for a two-year term. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this item is up for passage on August 18, 2014)

B. HELD OUT JULY 14, 2014

- 1.* Mayor Morrissey - Appointment - Housing Board; Ms. Barbara Chaney, Illinois Licensed Real Estate Broker for a three-year term. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this item is up for passage on July 28, 2014)
- 2.* Mayor Morrissey - Appointment - Housing Board; Mr. Thomas Wartowski, active Member of Rockford Apartment Association for a three-year term. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this item is up for passage on July 28, 2014)
- 3.* Mayor Morrissey - Appointment - Community Action Advisory Board; Ms. Roxanne Sosnowski for a three-year term. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this item is up for passage on July 28, 2014)

V. NEW BUSINESS (note: Ordinances may be read in under New Business and Rule 11 suspended and final vote taken. Committee Reports would have previously been voted on).

1. Chiarelli – Ordinance - Approve granting an electrical utility relocation easement from the City of Rockford to ComEd for 610 South Main Street.
2. Chiarelli – Ordinance - Approval of the attached ordinance for prosecution of general ordinance violations within the code hearing division.
3. Chiarelli – Ordinance - Approval of the attached amendment(s) to Section 4-59 (Barking Dogs) of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances.
4. Chiarelli – Ordinance - Approval of the attached amendment(s) to Section 17-34 Animal Noise of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances.

* same action taken before

- Adjournment

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POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

The following items appear on the City Council Standing Committee Agendas as noted. Items may receive a vote at committee and come before the first City Council meeting held after the committee meeting. Rule 11 can be suspended and final vote taken on said items at the City Council meeting (no rule suspension is necessary to take a vote on vouchers).

CODE AND REGULATION COMMITTEE

Monday, July 21, 2014, 5:00 p.m.

**Conference Room A, City Hall 2nd floor (north room)
AGENDA**

1. C & R 14-118 Special Event: Tour De North End Bike Festival, 8/02/14
2. C & R 14-120 July Traffic Commission Minutes
3. C & R 14-111 Amendment to 17-41(m) of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances [Vehicle Seizure & Impoundment]
4. C & R 13-111 Public Safety Committee Discussion
5. C & R 14-119 Honorary Street Name Change Procedures

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Monday, July 21, 2014, 5:15 p.m.

Conference Room B, City Hall 2nd floor (south room)

AGENDA

1. Purchasing and Vouchers
 - A. Award of Bid: SWAT Vehicle
 - B. Award of Bid: Bomb Trailer
 - C. Award of Bid: City-Wide Pavement Marking – 2014
 - D. Award of Bid: City-Wide Street Repairs Group 3
 - E. Award of Bid: Demolition Package 3A - 1440 Blaisdell Street, 615 Furman Street, 628 N. Avon Street, and 1225 School Street
 - F. Award of Bid: Weatherization Contracts (2 resolutions)
 - G. Award of Bid: Public Works Materials
 - H. Award of Bid: Wellness Center
 - I. Electric Aggregation Contract - **Info only**
 - J. Natural Gas Contract – **Info only**
 - K. Change Order: Tree Removal Contracts
 - L. Vouchers
2. Fine Reduction Requests – Suspend rules
 - 1836 Melrose Street
 - 2206 Rockwell Street
 - 945 North Avenue
3. City-State Agreement Amendment: Rockford Riverwalk
4. Consideration of Alternative Proposals for the Sale of the Amerock and adjacent properties to Gorman and Company, Inc. – Laid over (7/14)

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Monday, July 21, 2014, 5:30 p.m.
CD Conference Rm., City Hall 2nd floor
AGENDA

1. Memorandum from Jovita Donahue regarding CDBG Assistance to Shantay Johnson d/b/a Salon Works for the Relocation and Rehab (from 1516 N. Main Street) due to the North Main and Auburn Roundabout Project.

LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING COMMITTEE

Monday, July 21, 2014, ____ p.m.
Conference Room A, City Hall 2nd floor (north room)
AGENDA

No Meeting Scheduled.

CODE AND REGULATION COMMITTEE

Tuesday, July 22, 2014 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall 2nd floor
AGENDA

1. Lincoln Promise Zone

I Support Chief Epperson

I. Background

When I was elected in 2005, I pledged to improve the entire city as we established a vision of ***Excellence Everywhere for Everyone***. No longer could we afford the failed approach of abandoning our west side to a fate of low expectations and exclusive investments in a robust poverty infrastructure while ignoring public infrastructure and economic development. Committing to a vision, however, is easy compared to implementation.

Our commitment to excellence has compelled us to move beyond personalities and platitudes to develop better systems and strategies in everything we do. The transformation of our City began, therefore, with the introduction of new approaches throughout our organization. Whether changing the way we pay for our roads and public infrastructure, or managing by data through systems like CompStat and RockStat, we have left no stone unturned in a relentless effort to achieve our vision.

II. Chief Epperson Has Exceeded My Expectations

When our biggest budget expenditure is the Police Department, and when our top priority is public safety, our efforts to achieve Excellence have created high expectations from our Police Department and Police Chief.

To that end, I am very proud of the work of Chief Epperson in responding to every request that has been made of him by me and by our City Council.

Working together, the Chief has compiled a long list of accomplishments that were possible because he has been in his position during some very tough times:

- We have become a fully ***accredited agency***, joining a select percentage of departments around the United States.
- We have completely updated and modernized our ***"Use of Force" Policy*** and procedures which helped insulate us better protect our officers and our citizens and reduce the risk of civil liabilities.
- We developed an ***"Early Warning System"*** to help identify and coach officers who demonstrated potential risks to the Department and the community.
- We developed the ***Integrity Task Force*** following the Barmore case to investigate cases involving serious use of force in our Department and others throughout the region.
- We developed and continue to run a ***"CompStat"*** accountability system, which is open and transparent to the public and we continually examine our data and share that information with our other departments at our RockStat meetings.
- We have formalized our partnerships with the State Police, Illinois Department of Corrections, Winnebago County Sheriff, other local agencies, and numerous federal agencies to create the Winnebago County ***Violent Crime Task Force***. Those joint efforts have helped us this year to reduce aggravated discharges by 30%.

- We have supported the **RAVEN** partnership to reduce violence and sought and received an Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority grant to become the first Department in the State to formally share information with the State Department of Corrections to help prisoner re-entry efforts and reduce recidivism.
- We hold monthly **parolee call-in efforts** to address those coming out of the DOC and hold them and ourselves accountable.
- We created the **Citizens Police Academy and Citizens Assisting the Police** program. These collective efforts have given hundreds of citizens an opportunity to learn about the work of our department and become more engaged partners to improve public safety. Our volunteer citizens have logged thousands of hours assisting our department.
- We have vastly improved our outreach to the minority communities of our City. The Chief has personally developed strong relationships with many members of our community that had become isolated from and cynical towards our department.
- We gained efficiencies and effectiveness by civilianizing numerous positions such as "desk officers" which has enabled us to gain a greater effective force level.
- We have taken on extremely tough **collective bargaining** efforts to achieve significant improvements and efficiencies in our ability to manage the department. This includes a lot of issues including more authority to discipline officers and authority to begin our geographic policing in District 2.

I stand by Chief Epperson and would put his record up against any Chief this City has ever had. He has helped fix problems that he inherited; and he inherited many of those because the culture within the Department has historically resisted change and the PBPA was successful in intimidating many chiefs from making tough changes.

III. Historic Perspective on Police Union Relations

Unfortunately, the "divide and conquer" tactic demonstrated now by the PBPA leadership has been their consistent tactic, not only throughout my time in office, but during the tenure of past Chiefs of Police.

For the students of history, and the residents that can remember the 1980's, you might recall the 1988 Rockford Magazine article called, **"A House Divided."** This article describes the battle between the PBPA and the chief at that time, William Fitzpatrick. Like today, Chief Fitzpatrick was dealing with incidents like officer involved use of force. There were efforts at the time to change the culture within the department. As a result of those issues, you can note, for example, the claim from the union of historically low "morale".

You might also recall a more recent time, 2002, when upon the retirement of **Chief Nielsen**, a Register Star article came out referencing Chief Nielsen's comment that one of the things that was involved in his decision to retire was the "devastating" impact on him of the PBPA's threat during the preceding contract negotiations that they would hold a no-confidence vote against him.

In the last 30 years, conflict between the PBPA and our Chiefs of Police has consistently arisen around the issues of discipline and management. This is simply not a new thing here or in other

urban communities. This has been a common issue in departments around the country when a department is under scrutiny and change efforts are being attempted.

IV. Bottom Line: Moving Forward

If all it took to turn around a police department, lower crime, and resolve issues between the union and management was changing the chief, it would have happened a long time ago. The history both here and throughout the nation, however, is that such a strategy just doesn't work. If a chief avoids conflict, the union leaves them alone. Chiefs who have taken on the status quo have been vilified, threatened, and attacked. And when they have not been supported or forced out, this ultimately enables the cycle to continue. We have to stop this cycle of nonsense that has pervaded this community for decades.

If we are going to truly Transform Rockford, we have to take on the real issues and not kick the can down the road. To become a top 25 community, we must stop attacking individuals, stop attacking ourselves, and focus on fixing the systemic problems.

To that end, there simply is nothing that the Chief is pushing regarding discipline and tactics that he is doing on his own. I fully support Chief Epperson, and I will not ask him to resign.

The next election is in 2017. In the meantime, I suggest we get back to the business of public safety, address systemic issues, and not tolerate the PBPA's "divide and conquer" tactic.

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